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Class Motto:
We Finish To Begin

Class Flower:
Rose

Class Color:
Red

RAVELINS 1943

THE CLASS OF 1943
DEDICATES ITS YEARBOOK
TO
MISS BEATRICE DAVIS
WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR
HER FRIENDLY UNDERSTANDING
AND HER CONSIDERATE AND HELP-
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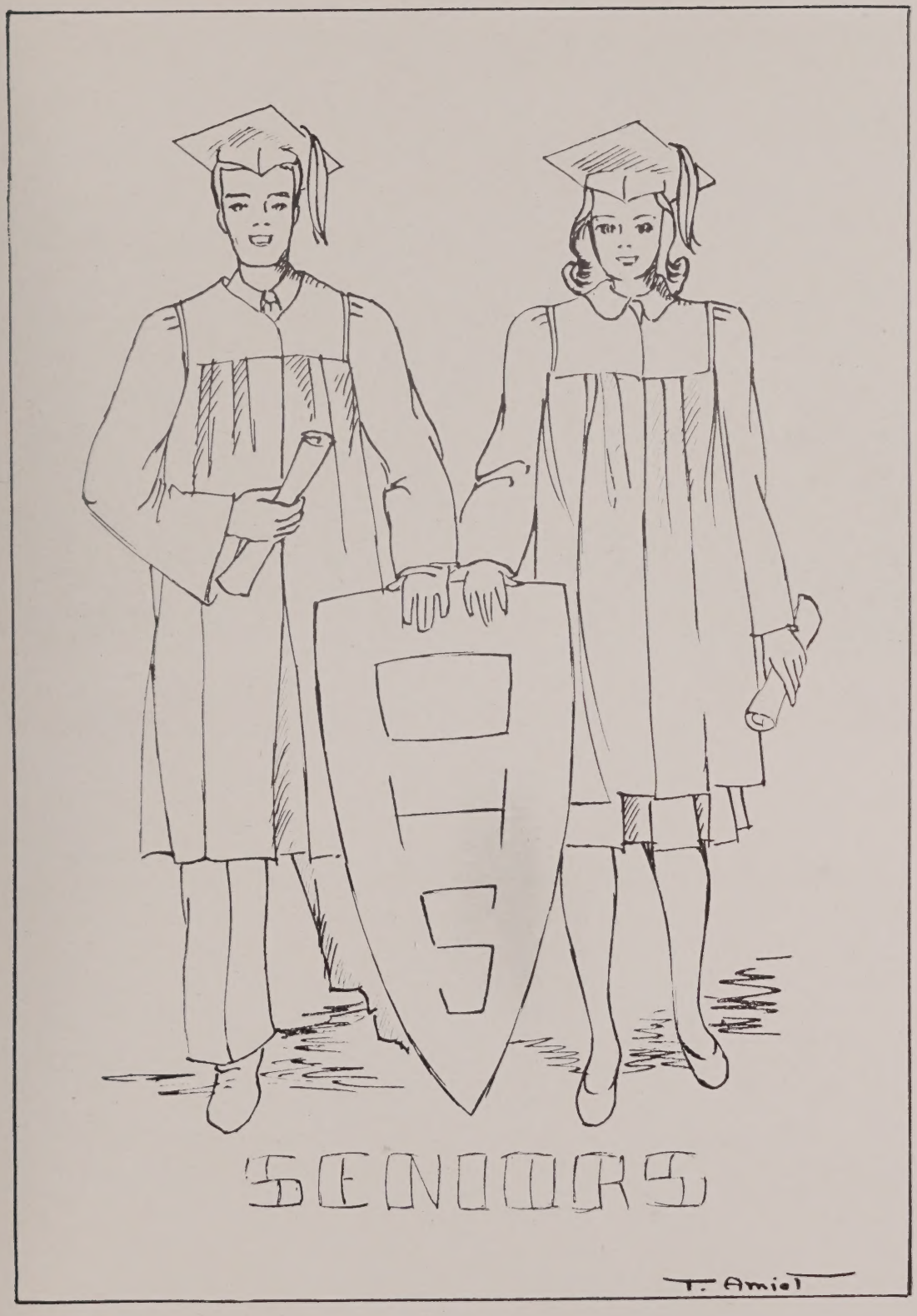
Twelve years ago, when we started our school career, it seemed as though we would never reach our goal of graduating from high school. As we look back, the years seem to have flown by. At first, many of us attended school largely because the law and our parents said we must. Now, we feel sincere regret at leaving.

The last four years of our schooling have been the most interesting; they have afforded us many happy experiences in which to try our powers and in which to realize the great contribution that each year of training has made to our individual growth. From happy carefree "kids" we have become thoughtful, serious-minded people who are about to take direct action in the defense of our country that has made this education possible to us all.

We have enjoyed the "freedoms" which we have had during our twelve years of education and we are now willing and proud to take our places preserving them for ourselves and others.

This building is a tangible symbol of both the experiences we have had and the future which our education promised, therefore we place its picture in our yearbook.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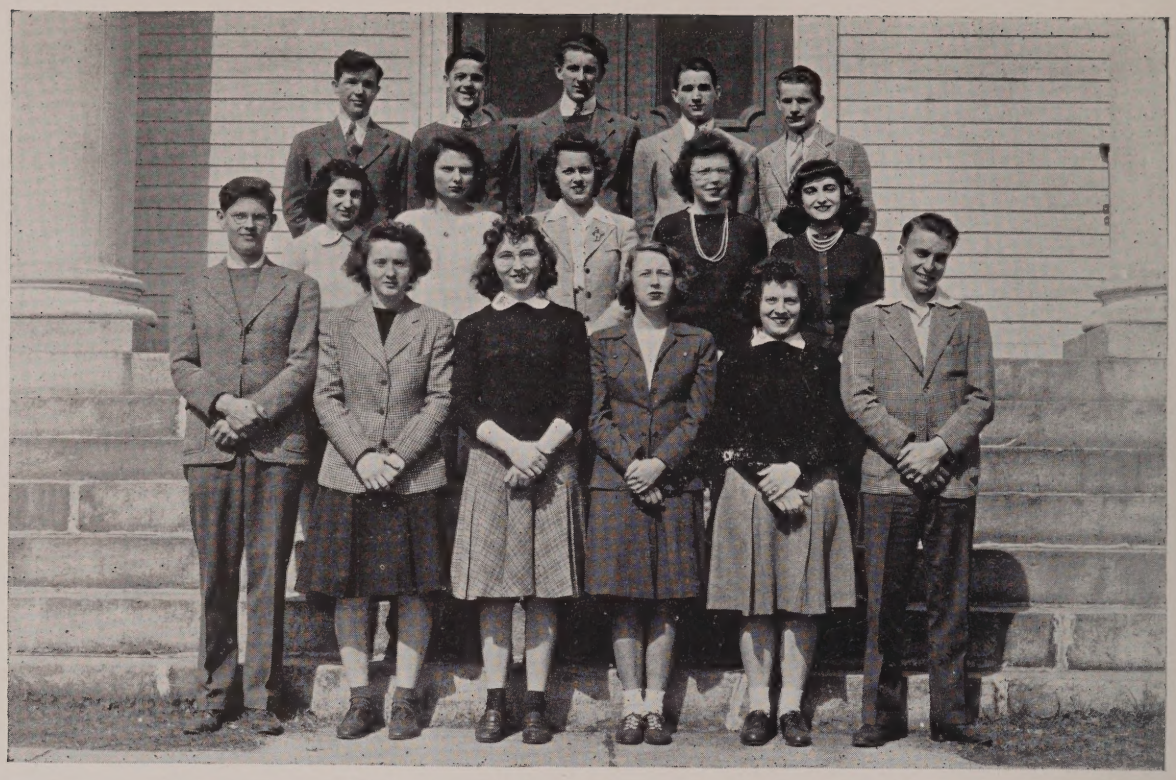

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THERESA AGABABIAN

"Tag"

"I have always believed that good is beauty
put into practice."

Activities: Operetta 1; Radio Play 2; French Club 2; Public Speaking 1, 2, 3; Drawing 1, 2, 3; Poster Committee 1, 2, 3; Sewing 1, 2, 3; Nutrition Course 3; Junior Red Cross Secretary 4; Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Cheer Leader 4; Cooking 4; D. A. R. Good Pilgrim Award 4; Class Historian 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3 ,4; Press Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Very studious . . . ambitious . . . lover of sports . . . a good worker . . . an honor student.

THERESA MARIE AMIOT

"Terry"

"Here is certain rest and life innocent of guile,
rich in variety of oppulense."

Activities: Student Council 1; Public Speaking 1; College Club 1; Operetta 1; Radio Plays 2; Poster Committee 1, 2, 3; French Club 2, 3; Vice-president 2, 3; Dramatic Club 2, 3; Drawing 1, 2, 3; Pianist 1, 2, 3, 4; Orchestra 3; Decoration, Junior Prom 3; Junior Ring Committee 3; Chairman, Picture Committee 4; Press Club 1, 2 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Valedictorian 4.

Very efficient . . . clever . . . studious and yet artistic . . . with the highest scholastic average of the seniors . . . a friend to everyone . . . a good pianist.

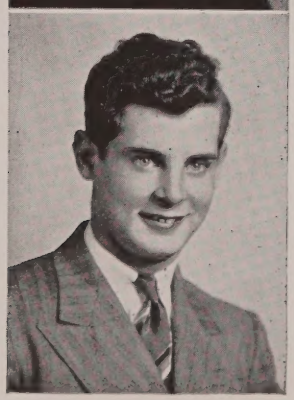
SHIRLEY DORIS BIRMINGHAM

"Shirl"

"Truth fears no colors."

Activities: Art 1, 2; Basketball 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Press Club 3, 4; Hockey 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Very neat . . . efficient . . . good looking . . . an excellent basketball player . . . a good Reader's Digest salesman . . . very resourceful in school activities.



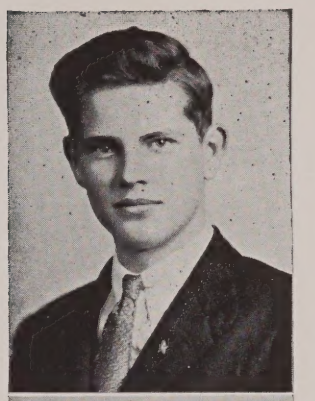
ALVIN ARTHUR CHICKERING

"Chic"

"Ambition and love are the wings of great actions."

Activities: Honor Roll 1; Orchestra 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Class Marshal Committee 4.

An active fellow . . . in the Army Air Corps Reserve . . . very quiet but ambitious . . . a worthy friend.



RICHARD NEWTON CLARK

"Dick"

"Better do it than wish it done."

Activities: Junior Prom Committee 3; Ravelin's Board 4; Basketball 4; Dance Committee 4; Press Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 2, 3 4; Projector Club 3, 4.

Fond of the girls . . . very quiet (at times) . . . one of the best basketball managers . . . helpful to everyone.

GEORGE BERNARD CLOUTIER

"Brains"

"Human countenances, as they smile on those who smile, are also in sympathy with those who weep."

Activities: Class President 1, 2; Student Council 1, 2; Glee Club 2, 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Orchestra Committee 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4; Static Committee 1,2,3,4; Basketball Co-Captain 4.

A good personality . . . a smile for everyone . . . very good dancer . . . hard worker . . . our star basketball player . . . tries hard in school.

RUTH ELEANORE DESY

"Ruthie"

"Beauty and folly are often companions."

Activities: Class Marshal 3; Nutrition Course 3; Orchestra Committee of Junior Prom 3; Glee Club 4; Class Statistician 4.

Very dignified . . . good dancer . . . good personality . . . one of our quietest students . . . very attractive.

JANE HILDEGARD EHRET

"Boots"

"A good friend is my nearest relation."

Activities: At Classical High School 1, 2, 3; At Oxford High School: Basketball 4; Press Club 4; Class Motto Committee 4.

A newcomer from Classical High School . . . very cheerful . . . a smile for everyone . . . fond of sports and good times.

JUNE IRENE GARDNER

"Pleasure and action make the hours seem shorter."

Activities: College Club 1; Operetta 1; Drawing 1; Public Speaking 1; Fall Play 2, 4; French Club 2, 3; Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Nutrition 3; Student Council 4; Press Club 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2 3, 4; Graduation Day Speaker 4.

Very attractive . . . driver of a car . . . very neat . . . well dressed . . . studious . . . very popular with the boys . . . ambitious.

CLAIRE GRONDIN

"Chick"

"A friend in need is a friend indeed."

Activities: French Club 2; Drawing 2, 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Glee Club 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Class Marshal Committee 4.

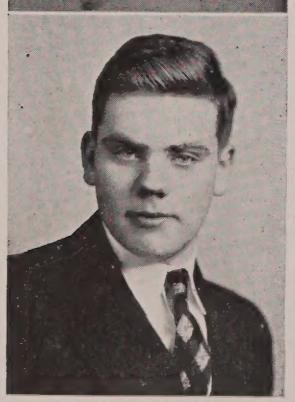
Honest friend . . . always a pleasant smile for all . . . a good sport . . . well liked by all . . . very sincere.

GLADYS HALSDORFF

"The best work in the world is done in the quiet."

Activities: Operetta 1; Drawing 1, 2, 3; Commercial Club 3, 4; Basketball 4; Class Motto Committee 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

A good sport . . . loyal friend . . . very quiet . . . hard worker . . . efficient . . . a friend to all . . . fond of sports . . . very sincere.



RUSSELL TURNER HARRINGTON

"Honest men fear neither the light nor the dark."

Activities: Prom Committee 3; Fall Play 4; Bond and War Stamps Salesman 4; Static Salesman 4; Basketball Box Office 4; Motto Committee 4; Ravelin's Board 4.

Always neat . . . very efficient leader . . . good sense of humor . . . honest friend . . . full of fun

ELEANOR BERGGREN HEALY

"Gully"

"I do not perceive why she who is happy
requires to be happier"

Activities: Operetta 1; Nutrition Course 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Art 1, 2, 3; Commercial Club 3, 4; President of Commercial Club 4; Hockey Team 4; Ravelin's Board 4; Honor Roll 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Our happiest classmate . . . always getting into mischief . . . dependable . . . reliable . . . never holding a grudge against anyone.

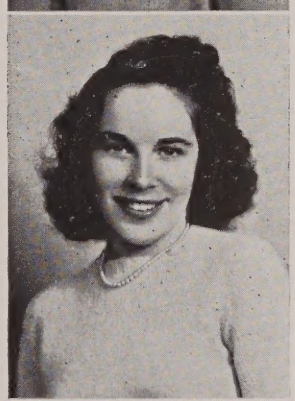
ANNA MAE HILL

"Ann"

"As sociable as a basket of kittens."

Activities: Commercial Club 3, 4; Glee Club 4.

Very witty and pleasant . . . also a willing and efficient helper . . . doing everything carefully and well . . . always good natured.



ELLA MAY JASKOVIAK

"El"

"Her ways are ways of pleasantness."

Activities: Sewing 1; Art 1; Home Nursing 3; Nutrition Course 3; Commercial Club 3, 4; Vice-president of Commercial Club 4; Hockey 4; Picture Committee 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Miss Kinniery's most efficient helper . . . doing anything she is asked and doing it well . . . friendly to everyone . . . fond of having a good time.

EMILY KEMP

"Emmy"

"Quiet persons are welcome everywhere."

Activities: Art 1; Junior Prom Committee 3; Nutrition Course 3; Commercial Club 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Very quiet and friendly . . . very studious, especially in Commercial Law.

HAROLD WALTER KING

"Clear, calm, and unhurried."

Activities: French Club 2; Honor Roll 3; Flower Committee 4.

Very serious . . . a quiet and efficient worker . . . seldom seen without "Johnny" . . . well liked by everyone in the class.

LILLIAN MARY LaFLECHE

"Lil"

"What is worth doing at all is worth doing well."

Activities: Student Council 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Fall Play 3; French Club 1, 2, 3; Dramatic Club 2, 3, 4; Press Club 3, 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Hockey Team 4; Ravelin's Board 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1 2, 3, 4; Graduation Speaker.

One of our best students . . . hardly ever seen without "Gully" . . . fond of a laugh and a joke . . . Mr. Sannella's secretary . . . a grand friend to everyone.

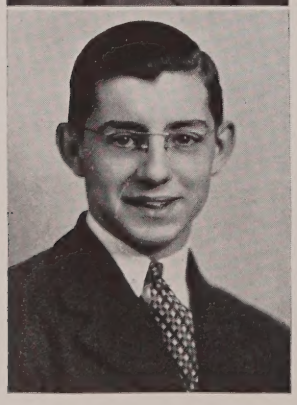
WILLIAM JOSEPH MAHOTA JR.

"Bill"

"Loss of honor is loss of life."

Activities: Operetta 1; Cross Country 2; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Junior Prom Committee 3; Projector Club 3, 4; Student Council 4; Write-up Committee 4.

Ambitious . . . studious . . diligent in exercising his body as well as his mind . . . fond of sports especially basketball . . . devoted to "math' . . . busy with machine shop training after school . . . eager to be a navigator.



CLARENCE RICHARD McCARTHY

"Mac"

"A good beginning is half the battle."

Activities: Static Salesman 1; Baseball 1, 4; Basketball 3, 4.

Popular . . . fond of airplanes . . . a good shot with a rifle . . . baseball and basketball player . . eager to be a gunner in a flying fortress.

PATRICIA THERESA MERCIER

"Pat"

"Anything for a quiet life."

Activities: Came from Auburn High . . . Invitation Committee 4; Basketball 4.

Attractive . . . well dressed . . . a smile for everyone . . . friendly.

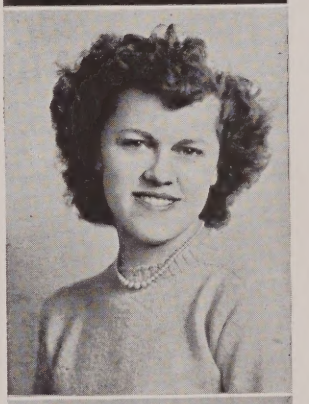
MIRIAM LOUISE MERRICK

"Jumpey"

"An ounce of practice is worth a pound of preaching."

Activities: College Club 1; French Club 2, 3; Student Council 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Press Conference Delegate 3; Press Club 3, 4; Cheer Leader 4; Editor of Static 4; Basketball Captain 4; Field Hockey 4; Class President 4; Editor of Ravelin's 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4.

One of the busiest girls in the class . . . very energetic . . . ambioitus . . . works after school . . . fond of sports . . . planning to be a nurse.



MARTHA LILLIAN OBORNE

"Marty"

"A cold hand, a warm heart."

Activities: Art 1; Prom Committee 3; Commercial Club 3, 4; Nutrition Course 3; Play Usher 4; Dance Committee 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Attractive . . . an excellent dancer . . .fond of candy . . . planning to be somebody's secretary.

JAMES SAUL PARISEAU

"Jim"

"You may prove anything by figures."

Activities: Mechanical Drawing 2, 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Class Treasurer 3; Student Council 4; Press Club 4; Projector Club, secretary 4; Picture Committee 4; Class Will 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Neat . . . popular with the girls . . . very exact in his school work . . . studying hard and getting results . . . "weight-lifter" with Bill . . . fond of "math" . . . taking machine shop training after school.

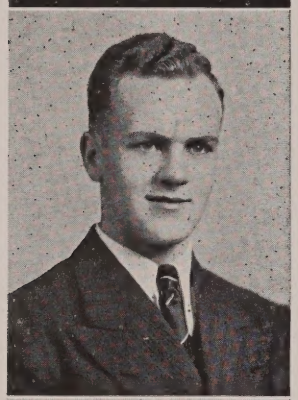
MARY POWERS

"Mae"

"In small proportion we just beauty see, and in short measures life may perfect be."

Activities: Art 1 2; Nutrition Course 3; Flower Committee 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Our petite blonde . . . talkative . . . a grand sense of humor , , , well-dressed . . . planning to be a hair-dresser.



RICHARD LOUIS RODIER

"Dick"

"Knowledge itself is power."

Activities: Baseball 1, 2, 3; Honor Roll 1 2, 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Treasurer 1, 2; College Club 1; Public Speaking 1, 2, 3; Dramatic Club 2, 3; Track 2; French Club 2; Student Council 3; President 3.

A high ranking student . . . fond of an argument . . . athletic . . . able to succeed in any field if he wants to . . . now a freshman at "Tech."

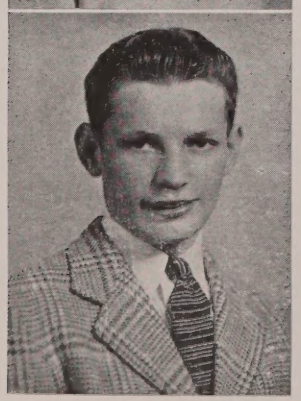
JOAN SURTEES SANDERSON

"Sandy"

"I could talk like that forever."

Activities: Vice-President 1; College Club 1; Operetta 1; Art 1, 2; Class Secretary 2; Property Fall Play 2; Student Council 3; Nutrition 3; Junior Ring Committee 3; Sewing 1, 2, 3; French Club 2, 3; April Dance Committee 4; Junior Red Cross President 4; Cooking 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Static Salesman 1 2, 3, 4; Press Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4; Dramatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

Well liked by everyone . . . witty . . . never still . . . good dress-maker and designer . . . a good actress..



JOHN STANLEY SKARBEK

"Johnny"

"An air of good humor ever surrounds him."

Activities: Junior Prom Committee 3; Stage hand 3; Ravelin's Board 4.

A real friend . . . always smiling . . . one of our "Shorties" . . . a good worker . . . finding a funny side to everything.

RAYMOND MARTIN STOLL

"Ray"

"Good at work, better at play
Willing to talk to the girls all day"

Activities: College Club 1, 2; French Club 2, 3; Orchestra 3; Boston Press Conference Delegate 3; Static Salesman 3; Class Marshal 3; Junior Prom Committee 3; Press Club 3, 4; Dramatic Club 3, 4; Fall Play 3, 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Business Manager of Static 4; Business Manager of Ravelin's 4; Class Prophecy 4.

Class "Casanova" . . . well-liked by both boys and girls . . . witty . . . never quiet . . . studious when he wants to be . . . planning to become a machinist.

MADELYN ANN STRACK

"Blondie"

"No one is bound by what is impossible."

Activities: Operetta 1; Junior Prom Committee 3; Honor Roll 1, 2, 3; Commercial Club 3, 4; Ravelin's Board 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3 4.

Full of fun at all times . . . noted for her blonde hair . . . very ambitious and dependable . . . never worried . . . many friends.

MARIAN EVELYN THOMPSON

"Oh, what more blissful than cares set at rest."

Activities: Operetta 1; Junior Prom Committee 3; Nutrition Course 3; Art 1, 2, 3; Junior Red Cross 4; Commercial Club 3, 4; Class Marshal Committee 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4.

One of our quiet classmates . . . very studious in class . . . devoted to Webster . . . friendly.

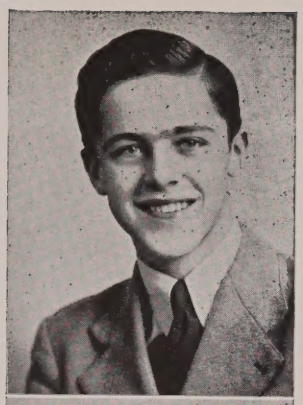
ELIZABETH TOMASIAN

"Lizzy"

"Truth needs not many words."

Activities: Operetta 1; Dramatic Club 2; Nutrition Course 3; Committee for Fall Play 3; Commercial Club 3, 4; Ravelin's Board 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3 4.

Quiet senior . . . one of our Rochdale pupils . . . very willing helper . . . seldom seen without Anna and Gladys.



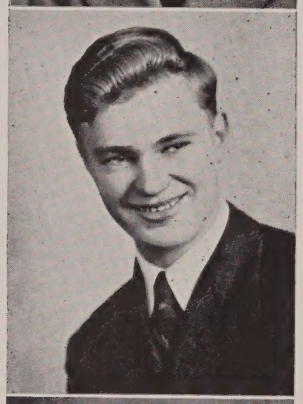
THOMAS PATRICK WALDRON

"Tommy"

"Though not too strictly bound to time and place.

Activities: Came from Gloucester; Oxford High: French Club 3; Baseball Manager 3; Basketball 3, 4; Class Secretary 4.

Very attractive . . . one of our small and friendly seniors . . . active in all sports . . . quite a "man about town."



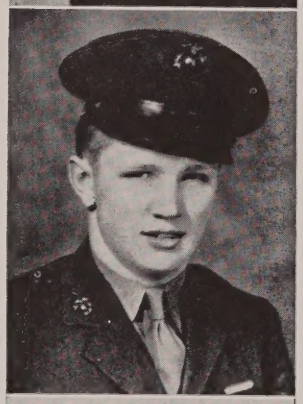
CLYDE RICHARD WILLEY

"Clip"

"Never mind the why and wherefore."

Activities: Glee Club 2, 4; Aeronautics 4.

Very quiet . . . often absent from school . . . always friendly and willing to oblige . . . but very reliable.



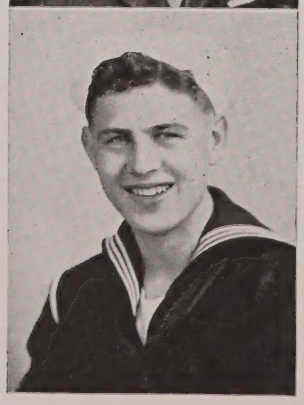
ROGER GEORGE PYTKO

"Moe"

"Serenely full, the epicure would say: Fate
cannot harm me—I have dined today."

Activities: Student Council 1, 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3; Baseball 2, 3; Basketball Captain 3.

Now in the U. S. Marines . . . first senior to enlist . . . fond of the girls . . . a "come what may" attitude . . . cheerful . . . the seniors are proud to claim him as a member of their class.



JAMES FRANCIS WALDRON

"Jimmie"

"Life is not to breathe; it is to act."

Activities: Came from Gloucester; Oxford High: Basketball 3, 4; Class Vice-President 4; United States Navy 4.

One of our well-dressed boys . . . leaving school in March to join Uncle Sam's Navy . . . one of our strong ,silent men . . . very athletic.

GRADUATION PROGRAM

1. PROCESSIONAL MARCH
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3. WELCOME AND ESSAY: — LILLIAN MARY LAFLECHE
   EDUCATION FOR THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE
4. SONG: — GLEE CLUB
   DAYBREAK
   Wilson
5. ESSAY: — JUNE IRENE GARDNER
   TRUE AMERICANISM
6. ESSAY: — THERESA MARIE AMIOT
   DICTATOR STRATEGY
7. SONG: — GLEE CLUB
   THE BELLS OF SHANDON
   Nevin
8. AWARDING OF PRIZES — FRANK SANNELLA
9. ADDRESS: — DR. LOUIS GAY BALSAM
   Lecturer and Sociologist
10. AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS: — D. RUSSELL TAFT
    Member of School Committee
11. SONG: — GLEE CLUB
    OVER THE FOAMING WAVE
    Wilson
12. RECESSIONAL MARCH

HONORS

In the Order of Class Standing:

THERESA MARIE AMIOT
LILLIAN MARY LAFLECHE
JUNE IRENE GARDNER
THERESA AGABABIAN
JOAN SURTEES SANDERSON
JAMES SAUL PARISEAU
MADELYN ANN STRACK

AWARDS

Grange Valedictory Medal	THERESA AMIOT
Becker College Commercial Medal	LILLIAN LAFLECHE
Fletcher Prize, Boys	THOMAS WALDRON
Fletcher Prize, Girls, will not be awarded this year	
Washington and Franklin History Medal	CONSTANCE BELL
D. A. R. Good Pilgrim Medal	THERESA AGABABIAN

CLASS WELCOME

By Miriam Merrick, President, 1943

In behalf of the class of 1943, I welcome you, parents, teachers, friends, and underclassmen to our Class Day exercises. We are glad to have you with us to enjoy our program which introduces the various ceremonies that mark the close of our life in the first twelve years of our education. We have not undergone these years of schooling without change in the membership of our group, for some here now, have come from other schools and many, once with us, have left. We have all, however, experienced approximately, the same joys and sorrows. From them, we hope sincerely, that we have learned the lessons well and that we shall practice those teachings in our future years.

On that fatal day of December 7, 1941, we, too, as part of our country, entered a new world: as witnessed by the fact that we have two classmates in active military service and two in the reserve corps. These boys are defending the rights we have learned to respect in our years of schooling. Not only have our classmates taken up the struggle for victory, but two of our teachers have also joined the ranks of its defenders.

Do you, underclassmen, remember the old adage: "Do as I say, not as I do"? Well, that is about the best advice we can give you. Profit by our mistakes, they were many and obvious; we need not list them here.

We, also, hope that as we take our places defending our country we can live up to your expectations and to our own.

CLASS HISTORY

By Theresa Agababian

September 11, 1939, dawned bright and early on a group of frightened freshmen. Boarding a brand new "banana wagon," commonly known as a school bus, driven by the faithful Mr. McKenny, we rode on to Oxford High School. We arrived in physical safety, but in a mental state close to nervous prostration, and joined the other members of the class of '43—sixty-two in number. So began our four busy years at Oxford High School.

The class of '43 brought many changes with it. Three new members of the faculty were announced, namely: Mr. Browning, Miss Davis, and Miss Harris. The junior high was no longer a part of the high school system, and a fuzzy growth of grass in front of the building was the beginning of our now gorgeous lawn.

Our first class meeting was held and the results were as follows: president, George Cloutier; vice-president, Joan Sanderson; secretary, June Gardner, and treasurer, Richard Rodier. Miss Davis was our class adviser.

The Latin I class had its moments when the window shade in Room 3 repeatedly fell on the students, draping them like prima donnas.

"Willie" Robinson had quite a time with his trousers one day when his suspenders broke and he wasn't reinforced with a belt. After the first report cards were given out, the Honor Roll was announced with eleven freshmen members. Weren't we proud!

It seems 1939 was a musical year in the history of the high school. A successful operetta, "The Sunbonnet Girl," was produced on February 6. The freshman class was represented in the cast by Theresa Amiot, as Mrs. Coleman, and by numerous freshmen in the chorus. The other outstanding musical event was the concert by the W. P. A. Orchestra of Worcester with Mr. Bley as conductor. The concert was vivid music and we all enjoyed it, especially Donald LeDuc, who dropped his gum-drops during the intermission.

Again our class brought along a change. Mid-year exams scheduled for February 14, 15, and 16, were cancelled. Well, maybe that the worst blizzard since 1933 did have something to do with it, but let me remind you that we are an unusual class and unusual occurences are bound to dot our horizons.

Richard Rodier, Richard Rheault, Raymond Brodeur, and George Cloutier were on the

baseball squad. With a few more players the freshmen would have had a team of their own.

Our careers as freshmen closed festively with a picnic at Purgatory. We thank whoever is responsible for the maintenance of that ever-popular picnic spot. Where else could we have gone and enjoyed ourselves as much as we did there?

We started our sophomore year with forty-three members. Our class adviser was Miss Harris and our officers were: George Cloutier, president; Joan Sanderson, vice-president; Theresa Amiot, secretary, and Richard Rodier, treasurer. Our Student Council members were Miriam Merrick and Roger Pytko.

The annual fall play was "The Spy"; three sophomore students were in the cast. All three added immeasurably to its success. A track team led by our former classmate, Arthur Cunningham, did much to improve Oxford High School's athletic record.

"The Mystery of the Missing Slides," by Miriam Merrick and Theresa Agababian will be one of the "who-dun-its" to hit the bookstands in a few years. "Jumpey" and "Aggie" are still pondering over who knocked over our corn plants and stole our slides from a locked box in the Annex. When we have earned enough money we are going to call the F. B. I. on the trail of the villian. Other than for that mishap the biology lab, under Miss Manning's supervision, was a great success. The outstanding attractions were the white mice and field snakes brought in and cared for by John Skarbek and Billy Irwin.

In our study of the "Oregon Trail" with Miss Harris it took us longer to get West and back than it did Francis Parkman, the author.

A public speaking contest, held April 9, 1941, resulted in Richard Rodier's receiving second prize.

We ambitious sophomores ended our year by going—nowhere!

As jolly juniors, we began with a membership of forty-two. The Waldron boys joined us at this point. We were determined to excel all previous Oxford High School junior classes in our endeavors. We started the year off right by electing the followiing officers: president, Richard Rodier; vice-president, Theresa Amiot; secretary, June Gardner, and treasurer, James Pariseau. Student Council members were Miriam Merrick, Joan Sanderson, and Lillian LaFleche. Our class adviser was Miss Kennedy.

Two short sharp peals on the school bell! My, is the period over so soon? No, it's just Mr. Sannella trying out the new loud-speaker system that we pupils bought from our earnings in the magazine sales drive. We won the box of chocolates offered to the class selling the greatest number of subscriptions. Most of the credit belonged to our "salesgirl," Shirley Birmingham, who, alone, sold $47.50 worth of subscriptions to magazines.

The days whisked by and we found ourselves applauding the very successful fall play, "China Boy." The cast included two talented actresses from our class: Lillian LaFleche and Joan Sanderson.

Four junior girls and eight junior boys were selected for their respective varsity basketball squads. This shows that we were an all-round class, interested in everything, and seeking to develop ourselves both mentally and physically.

Junior Red Cross work under Miss Winter's supervision was in the limelight this year. Our girls knitted sweaters, took a nutrition course with Miss Manning and a home nursing course with Mrs. Gibson. The boys took First Aid, and made traction splints.

Do you recall the tears of sorrow we shed about the first of February in 1942? You all remember why, don't you? Yes, that's right, Mr. Browning, our friend and teacher for three years, had left us to join the United States Coast Guard. Miss Helen Gahagan was appointed his successor. We were happy over that, for she was also our friend, and our former teacher, whom we welcomed back with pleasure.

We certainly don't know how it happened but Miss Harris picked a "lulu" of a snow bank to run into on the way home from the girls' basketball game at Rutland. After pushing her out of the drift, we all felt qualified for enlistment in any of the armed services.

After a serious class meeting and a "pep" talk by our adviser, Miss Kennedy, we voted on the all important subject, the Junior Prom. We decided to hold it at the Town Hall on April 9, 1942, with music by Dol Brissette. We, here and now, wish to record for posterity our thanks to Miss Kennedy for her tireless efforts in making our prom a huge success both finan-

cially and socially. Our class also had the distinction of having a blackout during its prom.

Because the girls sold more tickets to the Junior Prom than the boys, the boys had to give us a party. We girls once more thank the boys for a very enjoyable party, but we're still waiting for the next chapter of the thrilling Western radio serial they presented over the loudspeaker system on that occasion.

Ruth Desy and Raymond Stoll were chosen as class marshals for the graduation of the class of '42. Congratulations to them on a good piece of work!

An outing, at Nipmuck Park in Mendon, ended our junior year with a bang. Everyone who went will always remember the grand time we had with our classmates.

September 9, 1943, marked the opening of the present school year. A one-session schedule from 8:20 a. m. to 1:20 p. m., was put into practice. This released students for work to help the war effort. As a result, many of the pupils over sixteen years of age, both girls and boys, have worked from four, to six or eight hours a day besides doing their homework. In times of peace "sophisticated" used to be the adjective describing seniors. "Busy" was the word this year.

During the weeks of September 13 and 20, many boys and girls helped pick the bumper crop of apples at Greene's Farm. Their aid was praiseworthy, but ask them how they felt about eating apples for the next month or so.

Two new faculty members, Mr. Pottle and Miss O'Connor, took over the positions vacated by Miss Harris and Miss Manning. Two excellent teachers exchanged for two excellent teachers.

Pre-induction courses were given for senior and junior boys starting February, 1943. Miss Kennedy had charge of a pre-induction refresher course in mathematics. Mr. Dimock taught pre-aviation, military drill and discipline, and a pre-induction radio course. Oxford High School did its bit and its best. Let's hope it continues to do so, when we are gone.

Our class elections broke precedent and brought a girl into the office of president, our one and only "Jumpey" Merrick, who has justified our faith in her. The vice-president was James Waldron, secretary, Thomas Waldron, and treasurer, Raymond Stoll. Our class advisers were Mr. Sannella and Miss Winter; both helped us in all of our difficulties.

"When a Feller Needs a Friend," the fall play, given on Friday the 13th, proved there's nothing in this number superstition, by making a hit with everyone. Miss Davis was our coach and deserved all the praise given her.

Two of our classmates joined the armed services: Roger Pytko the Marines; and James Waldron the Navy. They were the first of our classmates to go; many more will follow immediately after graduation. All the "stay-at-home" members of our class wish the "in-the-service" members the best of luck.

Mr. O'Connor, now principal of the Junior High, was replaced by Mr. Hobbs. We hope he stays at Oxford High as long as most of our teachers do, which is a long, long, time.

This year all extra-curricular effort was put into the war service. War stamps and war bonds were sold at school, Junior Red Cross work was increased, and a machine course was taken by some of the seniors.

Bushong's Studio was chosen as the class photographer, and contrary to the doubts expressed by some people, no cameras were broken, when '43 had itself photographed. Work on the year book "Ravelin's" was started and we suddenly discovered all the hardships and work that accompany this publication.

Another change occurred in faculty membership. Miss Davis, our very first home-room teacher and the coach of the fall play, left us April 16, 1943, to accept another teaching position in Natick High. She was replaced by Miss Mary Mannix. Success to both of them!

On several occasions this spring, our classrooms were honored by the visits of mice, (intellectual ones, evidently) inhabiting the school premises. After a few such visits serious measures were taken to exterminate them. The students didn't agree with the faculty opinion as to the potential harmfulness of these cute creatures of mother nature. What could a few little mice do to harm us students? We were for letting them share our work and play and letting them enjoy life while they might.

Two informal dances were conducted on April 28 and May 20 by the seniors. This was in compensation for the loss of the Senior Hop which was cancelled because of transportation difficulties. The senior play was also foregone because most of the seniors were working after school and couldn't participate in its production.

The Junior Prom, held May 28, given by the

junior class as a farewell to the seniors, proved to be one of the events we will remember forever. We enjoyed it doubly this year, because it stood as a symbol of things as they were before this war. Thank you, Juniors!

Class Day on June 18, 1943, and finally, the most exalting and yet depressing of all days, Graduation Day, on June 23, 1943, closed our cherished senior year. No longer could we say that we were members of dear old Oxford High School.

CLASS PROPHECY

By Raymond Stoll

A faint buzzing that persisted from vague intermittent intervals to a more continuous flow of sound, finally became, in my ears, a high pitched voice saying, "He is coming to at last!" I didn't strive to understand the answering sounds. My eyelids slowly fell open. I grew aware of two blurred faces peering down upon me. I tried to move, but my muscles twinged with sharp pains. My head felt as though a thousand riveters were pounding away on it. Eventually to my dazed mind the faces became two nurses. I learned that I had been in an accident and had arrived at the hospital in an ambulance.

As I lay there, I could feel my head thumping. I was not even curious about what the nature of my accident was. Many strange thoughts of the past came to my mind. The most outstanding fact they pictured was my high school days in Oxford. Then suddenly I saw the latest pattern of that old familiar life.

The year, it seemed, was 1963 and Oxford had grown into a huge metropolis. As my mind wandered through the streets, I came across many old friends whom I had not seen for many years.

Oxford was the proud owner of a radio broadcasting station which had the most powerful television equipment in the world. The radio station was owned by those two great publishers, "Dick" Clark and Miriam Merrick. Their paper was the greatest rival of the "New York Times." The reason for their tremendous success was that they had two outstanding programs. One was put on by Theresa Amiot, the well-known artist who was now giving painting lessons by television, besides operating an art school in Oxford. The other program was that featuring the great opera star, Joan Sanderson, who now was not only the best singer in the country, but also ran a dancing school that guaranteed to teach tap-dancing in two and one-half easy lessons.

As I entered the station and looked into studio A, I saw a strangely familiar person. Why, it was Theresa Agababian! I entered to greet her, but she was promoting a drive for the American Red Cross of which she had just been named National Chairman. Wandering out of the studio, I bumped into one of my old classmates, Anna Hill. While shaking hands, I noticed Anna had a wedding ring on. I soon found out that she had married her corporal.

I noticed many posters tacked up in every possible place on the corridor walls. They read, "Let's continue to have an honest government and elect Mayor Rodier for the sixth term!" Richard's great success in this line was due to the efficient work of his secretary, Lillian LaFleche. Someone else came up beside me and began reading the posters, too; as I looked at him, I recognized Georgie Cloutier. He told me he had become manager of a Super A & P in Oxford, and had married Ruth Desy about ten years before. They also had five boys, enough for a basketball team.

Across the street was an enormous ball room, and, by the sign outside, I saw it was run by Russell Harrington. I was stunned when I read the billings, among them was one which said, "Dance to Ray Stoll and his world famous orchestra." It didn't seem possible, yet there it was.

I became a little weary and hungry doing all this sight-seeing; so I called a cab. The cabs were owned by Tom Waldron and his wife, the former Jane Ehret. I guess Tom didn't want to make any young men walk to see their girl friends as he had to do in his younger days, for the fare was very reasonable.

I asked the driver to take me to the best restaurant in town. On the way we passed a garage which was ultra modern. The sign showed me it was owned by Clarence Mc-

Carthy and Mary Powers. In front was a staff car of the United States Waves and seated in it was Lieutenant Healy, better known to us as "Gully."

The cab stopped directly at "Birmingham's Place," a name known wherever people eat throughout the country. "Shirl" had done all right for herself. A firm as large as that had to have able bookkeepers. The head bookkeepers were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Willey. Mrs. Willey was once known better to us as Claire Grondin. Upon entering, I found that many of the booths were occupied and I was escorted to a booth with three other people in it. To my amazement, there were June Gardner, Jim Waldron and a fellow from Leicester. I guess she still hadn't made up her mind.

Across from us were two very distinguished looking gentlemen, arguing over something that seemed very important to them. Looking closer, I saw that it was those two great physicists, Jimmy Pariseau and Billy Mahota.

During our conversation, I heard that Oxford had other great enterprises also. One was the airport run by Alvin Chickering and his wife, our old friend, "Pat" Mercier. An other was the secretarial school run by Ella Jaskoviak. Emily Kemp they said was in the clothing business. She ran one of the largest clothing stores in Oxford and designed all the styles that she sold. Through the able secretarial work of Marion Thompson she had been able to keep the business from going into the red in spite of the post-war hard times.

Yes, Oxford still had a box shop, but this one was run by Madelyn Strack, who was doing a great job of it.

On the outskirts of the city, as I learned, a building was being erected which was to house the King-Skarbek Paper Clip Shop. Through the inventive work of Gladys Halsdorff and Elizabeth Tomasian, a patent had just been granted a new paper clip made of plastic. It could be used as a toothpick, or by bending it a certain way and using it with an elastic band that came with each one, it could be made into a slingshot for spit balls.

Jim and the Leicesterite seemed inclined to sit it out until June reached a decision, but I had to get on. I wished them good luck and said, "Goodbye."

On my way out of the restaurant, I accidently bumped into two people. As I turned to excuse myself, I realized that it was my old friends, Roger Pytko and Martha Oborne. After talking with them I found out that Roger had just been promoted to the rank of Colonel in the Marine Corps, and also that they were entering into their sixth year of married life.

Well, that about covers all of my classmates back in '43 and so ends my prophecy, and we come back to the present. The one ruler of this forecast is that old gentleman, Father Time. Until peace comes, buy all the war stamps and bonds that it is possible for you to buy, or the future won't hold much for any of us to prophesy about.

CLASS WILL

By James Pariseau

We, the class of 1943, glorious pearl among classes, being of a state of mind somewhere between sound and unsound, subject to amnesia, intoxicated with the spirit of the present, and of the opinion that Hitler needs only to meet us to have his ideas of belonging to a super race routed, considering the uncertainty of this frail and transitory life, do therefore, make, ordain, publish, and declare, this to be our last will and testament:

To Oxford High we give our sincere wish that next year's basketball team will live up to the precedent set by this year's team.

To each of the faculty we give a hemmed piece of stout cotton cloth to use wiping the tears of our underclassmates caused by our departure from Oxford High.

To the junior class: Forty-three brooms to keep the senior room as clean as we did.

To Helen Babbitt: Joan Sanderson's interesting and continuous line of chatter.

To Richard Ball: Alvin Chickering's ability to be quiet in school, but amazingly active while outside.

To Francis Baril: Raymond Stoll's role as class comedian.

To David Berggren: The title "Professor of

Physics" for his great interest in that subject.

To George Berthiaume: Thomas Waldron's position as class Romeo.

To Constance Bell: Miriam Merrick's and Theresa Agababian's job as cheer leaders for the basketball teams.

To Donald Bell: George Cloutier's ability to be the best dancer of his class.

To Helen Bourn: Mary Powers' ability to remain the shortest girl in the class.

To Herbert Buxton: Russell Harrington's ability to grow the other way.

To Janet Chambers: A contract with Warner Bros. Pictures left by Eleanor Healy.

To Grace Stafford: A box of voice pills; so that she may be heard as well as seen.

To Bernice Davis: Elizabeth Tomasian's unique ability to talk during class and make the teacher think she is paying attention.

To Harriet Davis: A P-47 Thunderbolt so that she may get to school on time in the future.

To Doris Dimock: Emily Kemp's ability to offer keen competition in a boy's indecision.

To Charles Dines: Clarence McCarthy's skill with a rifle to bag a few Japs for us when he goes into the army.

To John Donlin: A two-place mechanically controlled airplane; so that he can go flying in the moonlight.

To Raymond Druker: A bottle of "Cares and Worry Remover"; so that he will always have that happy-go-lucky smile.

To Stanley Dudek: The position as class agriculturalist; so that he may keep his classmates healthy with his Victory Garden.

To Aldea Dumont: Ruth Desy's ability to be charming, attractive, and yet so quiet.

To Beatrice Faubert: Martha Oborne's ability to have a full stomach after recess without bringing a lunch to school.

To Andrew Gaulin: Russell Harrington's job as office boy and his ability to do it well.

To Irene Hazzard: A few pounds of flesh for shapeliness, gladly donated by Madelyn Strack.

To Margaret Hunter: A little black book filled with boys' names; so that she will never have reason to be lonely.

To Patricia Jacques: June Gardner's ability to get around and quite successfully too.

To Andrew Kennedy: Another successful year as president of the Projector Club. Be sure to show the pictures upside down, Andy, if Madame Chiang Kai-Shek comes for a visit.

To Patricia Langer: The position of first woman plumber in a war plant, to make use of her inherited talent.

To Peter Mich: Richard Clark's mechanical ability to "run off" Static successfully.

To John Paige: The title "King" to distinguish him among Oxford High's actors. Harold King donates his last name for that purpose.

To Irene Piette: Marian Thompson's position as Miss Kinniery's helper—a little mentioned, but greatly appreciated service.

To Helen Powers: Shirley Birmingham's tireless efforts to avoid an unpleasant job, but we hope she will have a greater degree of success.

To Constance Prefontaine: Claire Grondin's ability to be the "Baby Snooks" of her class.

To Theresa Robert: Lillian LaFleche's ability to work very hard in the "office" and still get such good marks in her subjects.

To Marie Rodier: The ability to be the Navy's best nurse. Be sure to take good care of your brothers, Marie.

To John Rogers: Another successful year as class president.

To Claire Sands: Theresa Amiot's artistic ability so that Static can continue to provide good cartoons.

To Louis Skarbek: His brother John's ingenious ability to imitate the "Mad Russian."

To Victoria Smolenski: Gladys Halsdorff's ability to play the guitar and sing Western songs so well.

To Doris Coonan: A sense of humor like Ella Jaskoviak's when she looked at her proofs from Bushong.

To Alice Stelmack: A box of Vitamins Plus to supplement her keep-slim diet.

To Hazel Strader: The place in John Rogers' affections left by Patricia Mercier.

To Marion Strader: Three boys on a three shift basis to keep her busy this summer.

To Patricia Thayer: Miriam Merrick's ability to "put out" Static and to be the best editor-in-chief Static ever had.

To George Thibeault: William Mahota's in-

terest in weightlifting; so that he may become the "Superman" of his class.

To the sophomore class: Our sincere wish that they may be able to have a Junior Prom. If they don't, they can take it out of Hitler's hide.

To the freshmen: Our ardent desire to see them rise rapidly to fame; that means, of course, to become seniors as dignified as those in the class of '43.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hand this 18th day of June for the Class of 1943.

JAMES PARISEAU,
for the Class of 1943.

This instrument was, on the date thereof, signed, published, and declared for the Class of '43 by the testators named therein to be their last will and testament, in the presence of us who at their request have subscribed our names thereto as witnesses, in their presence, and in the presence of each other.

THE GREMLINS
SWEET PEA
ADOLF SCHICKELGRUBER

CLASS GIFTS

By Joan Sanderson and Thomas Waldron

Theresa Agababian:
To Theresa, who gets so dirty while working on a lathe,
We give this Boraxo, so that her hands she can bathe.

Theresa Amiot:
To Theresa, who works at Chaffee's
We give these ear muffs, so that she'll not go crazy.

Shirley Birmingham:
To Shirley, who needs no ration book nor to go to such fuss,
We give this onion, so that she can't laugh at us.

Alvin Chickering:
To Alvin, our curly-haired air cadet,
We give these hairpins to keep his marcel set.

Richard Clark:
To "Rich," who's bothered by his hair,
We give this Kreml, so that the girls won't give him the air.

George Cloutier:
To "Brains," who's now in class 1-A,
We give these wings, so that he'll take to the air right away.

Ruth Desy:
To Ruth, with her big eyes of brown,
We give some mascara, so that she can go to town.

Jane Ehret:
To Jane, who is so petite,
We give this rouge to pink her cheeks.

June Gardner:
To June, who has given her heart to the sea,
We give this sailor, so that she may never lonesome be.

Claire Grondin:
To Claire, who has hair as black as coal,
We give this hair dye, so that she'll never look old.

Gladys Halsdorff:
To Gladys, who never complains,
We give this pin for all of her pains.

Russell Harrington:
To Russell, who sells bonds every week,
We give this book of instructions, so that as a super-salesman he'll be sleek.

Eleanor Healy:
To "Gully," who loves a good pun,
We give this horn, so that she'll always have fun.

Anna Hill:
To Anna, who is never whiny,
We give this powder puff, so that her nose will not get shiny.

Ella Jaskoviak:
To Ella, who has such a brilliant smile,
We give this tooth paste, so that she will gleam for a mile.

Emily Kemp:
To Emily, who is as quiet as a bird,
We give this megaphone, so that she can make herself heard.

Harold King:
To Harold, who is the soberest of the class,
We give this milk bottle, so that he'll feel good at last.

Lillian LaFleche:
To Lillian, who always chews gum,
We give a package, so that she'll always have some.

William Mahota:
To Bill, who is to be a navigator some day,
We give this compass, so that he'll never lose his way.

Clarence McCarthy:
We hereby give to Mac, who's in the army already,
This little W.A.A.C., to keep him company steady.

Patricia Mercier:
To Patricia, who is going to be a nurse,
We give this bandage, so that she can patch up the worse.

Miriam Merrick:
To "Jumpey," our president, who is always on the go,
We give this collar, so that away with the wind she will surely not blow.

Martha Oborne:
To Martha, who dresses nicely we know,
We give these pins, so that her slip will never show.

James Pariseau:
To Jim, who dresses nice and neat,
We give this patch to keep the shine off his seat.

Mary Powers:
To Mary, who goes with a fellow that is tall,
We give these heels, so that she won't mind it at all.

Roger Pytko:
To "Moe," the Marine of our class,
We give this little Spar, so that he'll be happy at last.

Richard Rodier:
To Dick, who goes to Worcester Tech.,
We give this book of facts, so that A's he will expect.

Joan Sanderson:
To Joan, who has been up in the clouds in the past,
We give these weights, so that she'll come down to earth at last.

John Skarbek:
For Johnny, everything seems to be a cinch,
We give this pin to use when in a pinch.

Raymond Stoll:
To Ray, the chatterbox of the class,
We give this mouth wash and hope his throat will last.

Madelyn Strack:
To Madelyn, who is so somber,
We give this book on which to ponder.

Marian Thompson:
To Marian, who is very fond of dancing,
We give her this horse to keep her prancing.

Elizabeth Tomasian:
To "Lizzie," who is so shy,
We give this bell so that we can hear her go by.

James Waldron:
To Jimmy, who is in the Navy,
We give this doll, so that he'll always have a lady.

Thomas Waldron:
To Tommy, who likes the girls a lot,
We give these rosary beads to keep his mind where he ought.

Clyde Willey:
To "Clip," our sleepy-head,
We give this pillow, so that he can rest anywhere as well as in bed.

STATISTICS

Name: THERESA AGABABIAN
Favorite Expression: "I'm going crazy!"
Hobby: Sewing
Pride and Joy: My high school ring
"Pet Peeve": Peeling oranges
Accomplishment: Learned to cook
Ambition: To make someone happy

Name: THERESA AMIOT
Favorite Expression: "Ye Gods!"
Hobby: Drawing
Pride and Joy: My biology notebook
"Pet Peeve": Hiccups
Accomplishment: I sold a painting
Ambition: To teach foreign languages

Name: SHIRLEY BIRMINGHAM
Favorite Expression: "Are you kidding?"
Hobby: Collecting dogs
Pride and Joy: Webster, Massachusetts
"Pet Peeve": The draft
Accomplishment: Graduating in 1943
Ambition: To be a good secretary

Name: RICHARD CLARK
Favorite Expression: "Cut it out!"
Hobby: Names and addresses
Pride and Joy: A brunette
"Pet Peeve": Not enough time to do everything
Accomplishment: Graduating in 1943
Ambition: To become a "specialist"

Name: ALVIN CHICKERING
Favorite Expression: "Batten your hatches, or I'll baste you!"
Hobby: Collecting Western song recordings
Pride and Joy: Sleeping
"Pet Peeve": Sophisticated females
Accomplishment: Entering the Air Cadet Corps
Ambition: To be a lieutenant in the Army Air Corps

Name: GEORGE CLOUTIER
Favorite Expression:
Hobby: Sports
Pride and Joy: The U. S. A.
"Pet Peeve": A slap in the face
Accomplishment: Being a friend
Ambition: To be a flying officer

Name: RUTH DESY
Favorite Expression: "My Lord!"
Hobby: Dancing
Pride and Joy: John Wayne
"Pet Peeve": Sarcastic people
Accomplishment: Graduating in 1943
Ambition: To vacation in England

Name: JANE EHRET
Favorite Expression: "Oh Dear!"
Hobby: Collecting old letters
Pride and Joy: My aviation cadet
"Pet Peeve": To "break" a ten-dollar bill for a three-cent purchase
Accomplishment: Ability to swim
Ambition: To be a nurse

Name: JUNE GARDNER
Favorite Expression: "Holy Cats!"
Hobby: Collecting phonograph records
Pride and Joy: My sailor
"Pet Peeve": Inserting screws at Chaffee's
Accomplishment: Getting a driving license
Ambition: To be a commercial teacher

Name: CLAIRE GRONDIN
Favorite Expression: "Don't mention it!"
Hobby: Dancing
Pride and Joy: Navy
"Pet Peeve": Transcripts
Accomplishment: Dancing the polka
Ambition: To be a stenographer

Name: GLADYS HALSDORFF
Favorite Expression: "You don't say!"
Hobby: Music
Pride and Joy: A certain person
"Pet Peeve": Tests
Accomplishment: Graduating in 1943
Ambition: To become successful

Name: RUSSELL HARRINGTON
Favorite Expression: "Cut it out!"
Hobby: My stamp collection
Pride and Joy:
"Pet Peeve":
Accomplishment:
Ambition: To become a successful business man.

Name: ELEANOR HEALY
Favorite Expression: "Of course not!"
Hobby: Walking
Pride and Joy: Webster, Massachusetts
"Pet Peeve": "Adolf Schickelgruber"
Accomplishment: Learning to ride horseback
Ambition: To be a secretary

Name: ANNA HILL
Favorite Expression: "Gee Whiz!"
Hobby: Skating and dancing
Pride and Joy: A certain picture
"Pet Peeve": Doing shorthand transcripts
Accomplishments: Graduating in 1943
Ambition: To be successful

Name: ELLA JASKOVIAK
Favorite Expression: "Oh darn it all!"
Hobby: Sail-boating
Pride and Joy: Collecting poems
"Pet Peeve": Hirohito
Accomplishment: Knitted a few sweaters
Ambition: To be a horseback rider

Name: EMILY KEMP
Favorite Expression: "Oh no!"
Hobby: Costume designing
Pride and Joy: A certain farmer
"Pet Peeve": A promise breaker
Accomplishment: Graduating in 1943
Ambition: To become a successful farmerette

Name: HAROLD KING
Favorite Expression: "Are you asking me?"
Hobby: Reading material on airplanes
Pride and Joy: My mother
"Pet Peeve": Getting up in the morning
Accomplishment:
Ambition: To be an aviator

Name: LILLIAN LAFLECHE
Favorite Expression: "Honest?"
Hobby: Going to the movies
Pride and Joy: Rescinding of "gas" ban
"Pet Peeve": Being short
Accomplishment: Being "Office Girl" at O.H.S.
Ambition: To be a secretary

Name: WILLIAM MAHOTA
Favorite Expression: "My dear you"
Hobby: Weightlifting
Pride and Joy: My physics book
"Pet Peeve": Getting up in the morning
Accomplishment: Learning to do my home-work
Ambition: To be a flying officer in the Army Air Corps

Name: CLARENCE McCARTHY
Favorite Expression: "Hi! Hi!"
Hobby: Model Aviation
Pride and Joy: My 22 rifle
"Pet Peeve": The gasoline situation
Accomplishment: Being a mechanic
Ambition: To be an aviator

Name: PATRICIA MERCIER
Favorite Expression: "Well, you know what I mean"
Hobby: Bicycling
Pride and Joy: Collecting pins
"Pet Peeve": Freshmen
Accomplishment: Working in addition to going to school
Ambition: To be successful

Name: MIRIAM MERRICK
Favorite Expression: "Come on now!"
Hobby: Hunting
Pride and Joy: My pipe
"Pet Peeve": Back-seat drivers
Accomplishment: Learning how to tie my shoes correctly
Ambition: To be a member of the American Redhead Girls' Basketball Team

Name: MARTHA OBORNE
Favorite Expression: "Are you kidding?"
Hobby: Dancing
Pride and Joy: My record collection
"Pet Peeve": Hitler
Accomplishment: Read "Gone with the Wind" three times
Ambition: To be a secretary

Name: JAMES PARISEAU
Favorite Expression: "Here goes nothing!"
Hobby: Weightlifting
Pride and Joy: My piano
"Pet Peeve": Getting up in the morning
Ambition: To be an Army Air Corps' flying officer

Name: MARY POWERS
Favorite Expression: "Pete's Sake!"
Hobby: Writing poems
Pride and Joy: Charlie
"Pet Peeve": Spiders
Accomplishment:
Ambition: To go to England with Ruth

Name: ROGER PYTKO
Favorite Expression: "Get Hopping!"
Hobby: Sports
Pride and Joy: Swimming
"Pet Peeve": Poor sportsmanship
Accomplishment: Captain of the O. H. S. basketball team of 1941
Ambition: To be a Marine

Name: RICHARD RODIER
Favorite Expression: "No future in that!"
Hobby: Weightlifting
Pride and Joy: Doing nothing
"Pet Peeve":
Accomplishment:
Ambition: To enter the U. S. Naval Academy

Name: JOAN SANDERSON
Favorite Expression: "Mein Gott!"
Hobby: Dancing
Pride and Joy: My brother
"Pet Peeve": Girls' striped ankle socks
Accomplishment: Sewing
Ambition: To be happy

Name: JOHN SKARBEK
Favorite Expression: "How dare you!"
Hobby: Airplanes
Pride and Joy: A blonde
"Pet Peeve": The claims of the Russians
Accomplishment: A collection of make-up cards
Ambition: To serve my country

Name: RAYMOND STOLL
Favorite Expression: "Is that right?"
Hobby: Music
Pride and Joy: My bow tie
"Pet Peeve": Exams!
Accomplishment: Treasurer of class of 1943
Ambition: To be an orchestra leader

Name: MADELYN STRACK
Favorite Expression: "Yeah!"
Hobby: Playing piano
Pride and Joy: My job
"Pet Peeve": The Draft Board
Accomplishment: Graduating in 1943
Ambition: To be a good secretary

Name: MARIAN THOMPSON
Favorite Expression: "Oh gee!"
Hobby: Dancing
Pride and Joy: The Army
"Pet Peeve": Shorthand transcripts
Accomplishment: Doing the Polka
Ambition: To be a secretary

Name: ELIZABETH TOMASIAN
Favorite Expression: "No kidding?"
Hobby: Playing piano
Pride and Joy: Sewing
"Pet Peeve": Noisy people
Accomplishment: Graduating in 1943
Ambition: To be a stenographer

Name: JAMES WALDRON
Favorite Expression: "Knock it off!"
Hobby: Sports
Pride and Joy: "J. G."
"Pet Peeve": Standing in line
Accomplishment: To see the world
Ambition: To be an admiral

Name: THOMAS WALDRON
Favorite Expression: "Hello Boy!"
Hobby: Sports
Pride and Joy: A brunette
"Pet Peeve": Tests
Accomplishment: Graduating in 1943
Ambition:

Name: CLYDE WILLEY
Favorite Expression: "Praise de Lord!"
Hobby: Collecting records and girls' pictures
Pride and Joy: Two corner seats in the movies
"Pet Peeve": To be awakened from a nice dream
Accomplishment:
Ambition: To travel in northern regions

SUPERLATIVES

Most:		
Dignified:	Russell Harrington	Ruth Desy
Talkative:	Raymond Stoll	Joan Sanderson
Attractive:	Thomas Waldron	June Gardner
Ambitious:	James Pariseau	Theresa Agababian
Likely to Succeed:	Richard Rodier	Theresa Amiot
Artistic:	Russell Harrington	Theresa Amiot
Efficient:	Russell Harrington James Pariseau	Lillian LaFleche
Generous:	George Cloutier	Madelyn Strack Miriam Merrick
Energetic:	Raymond Stoll	Miriam Merrick
Optimistic:	Clyde Willey	Mary Powers Martha Oborne
Original:	Raymond Stoll	Miriam Merrick
Practical:	Richard Clark	Marian Thompson
Clever:	Richard Rodier Raymond Stoll	Eleanor Healy
Sincere:	James Pariseau George Cloutier	Marian Thompson
Athletic:	Roger Pytko	Miriam Merrick
Best:		
Dancer:	George Cloutier	Jane Ehret
Line of Chatter:	Raymond Stoll	Joan Sanderson
Dressed:	James Pariseau	June Gardner
Sense of Humor:	Raymond Stoll	Miriam Merrick

STATISTICS

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Song: "As Time Goes By"

Favorite Actor: Alan Ladd

Favorite Actress: Greer Garson

Favorite Book: "Random Harvest"

Favorite Author: Faith Baldwin

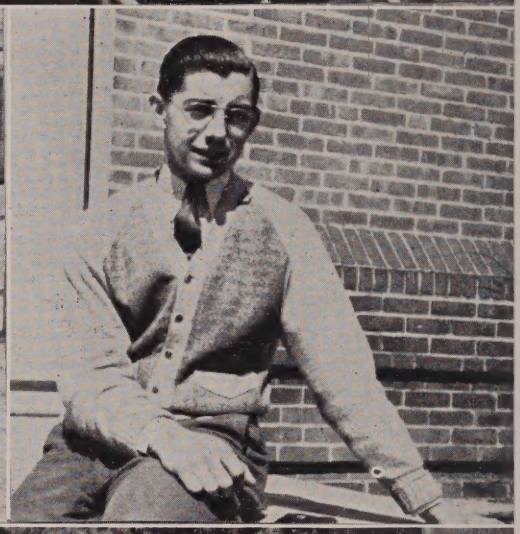
Favorite Program: Bob Hope

Favorite Sport: Basketball

Favorite Singer: Dinah Shore

Favorite Orchestra: Harry James'

Favorite Charity: The American Red Cross



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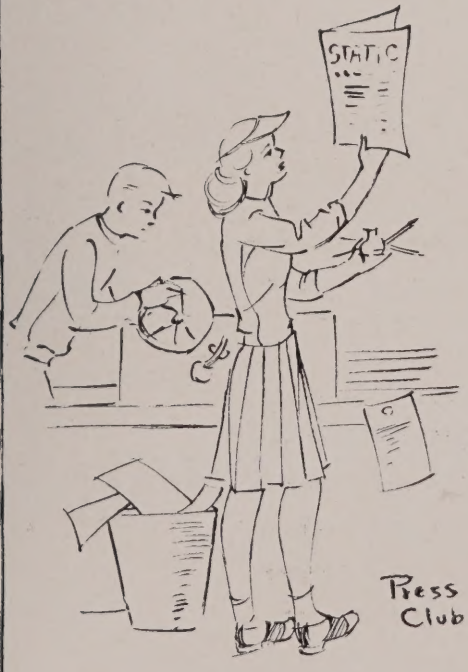

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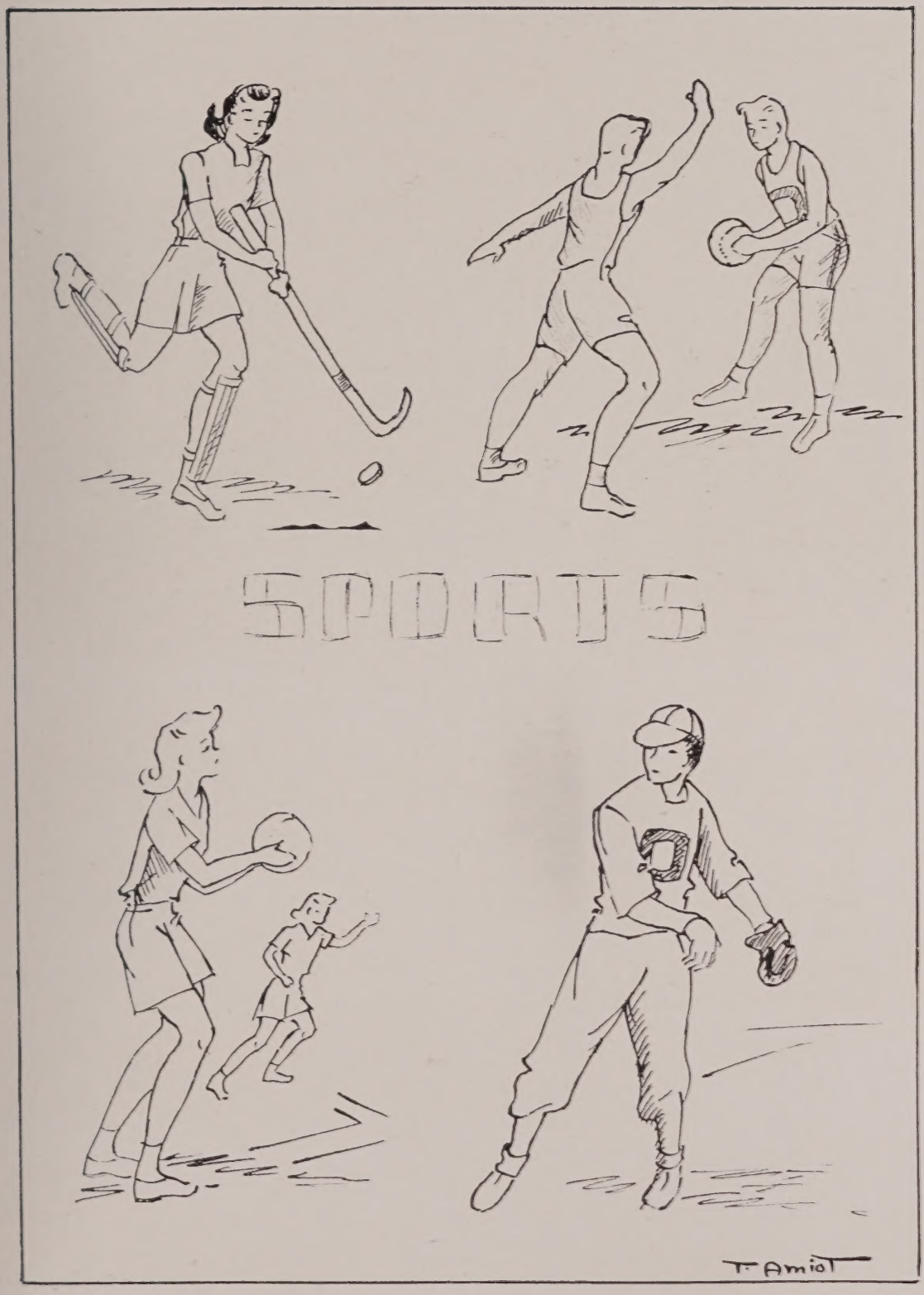
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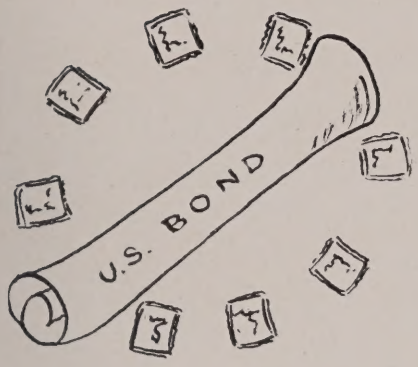

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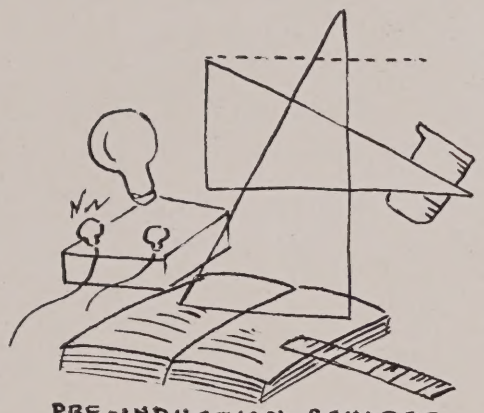

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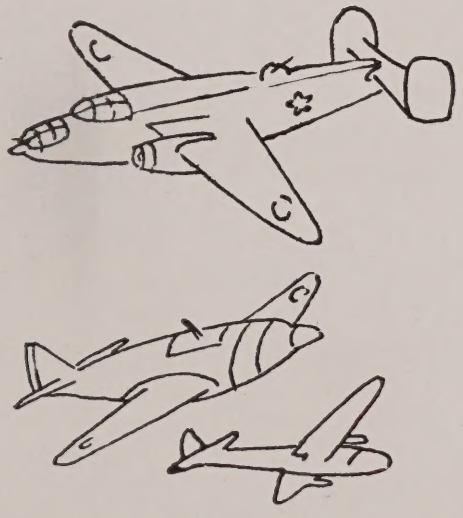

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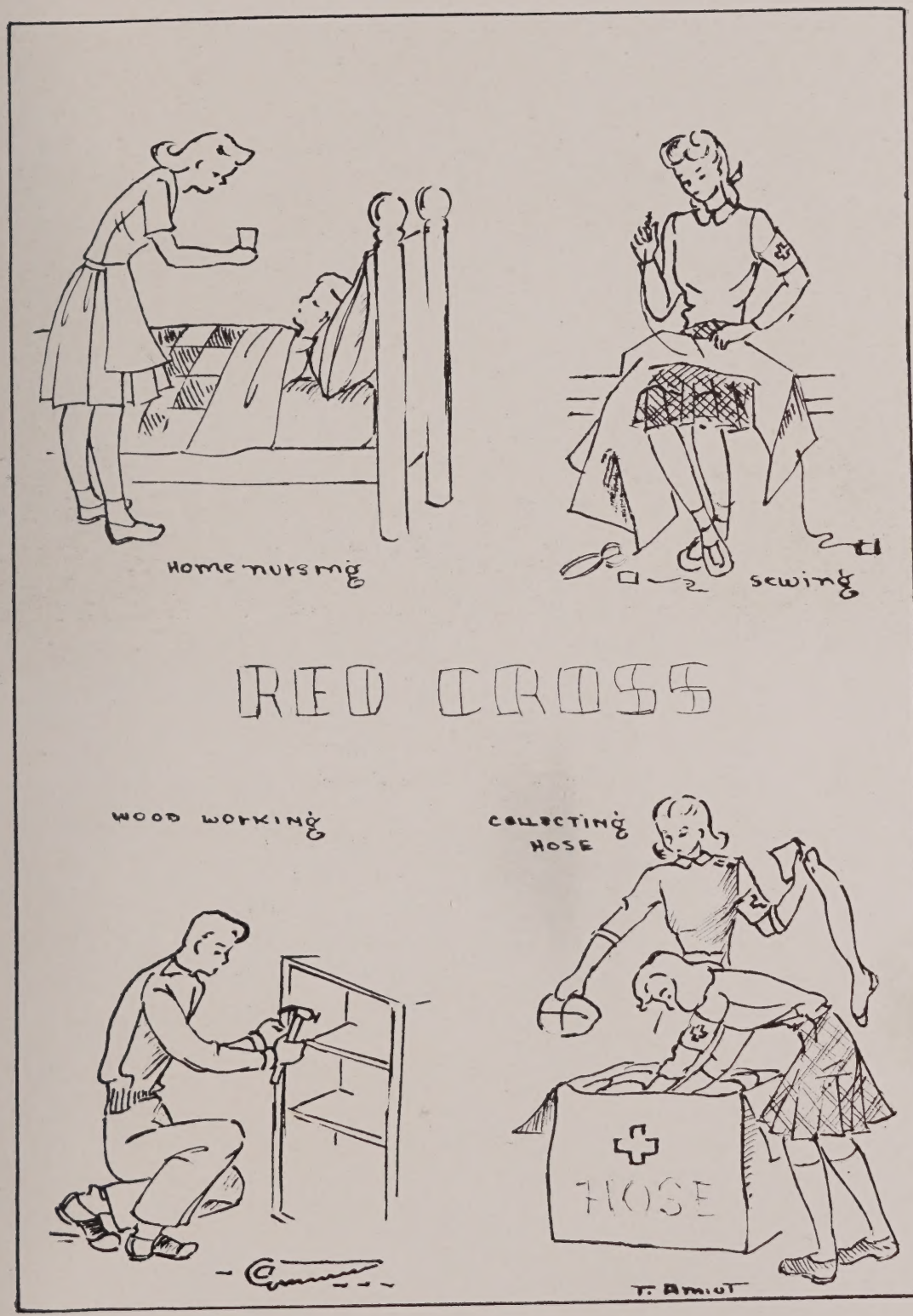
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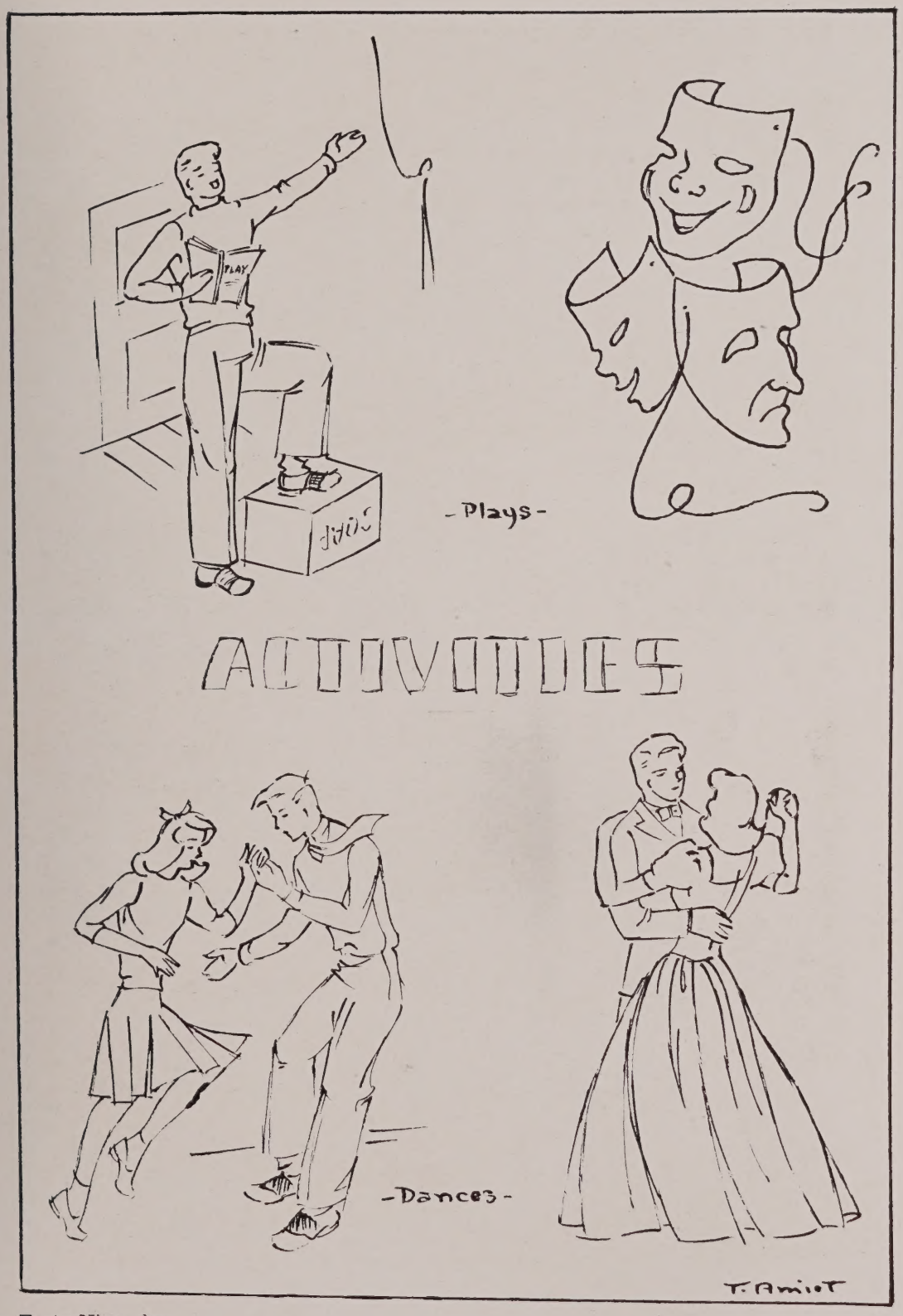
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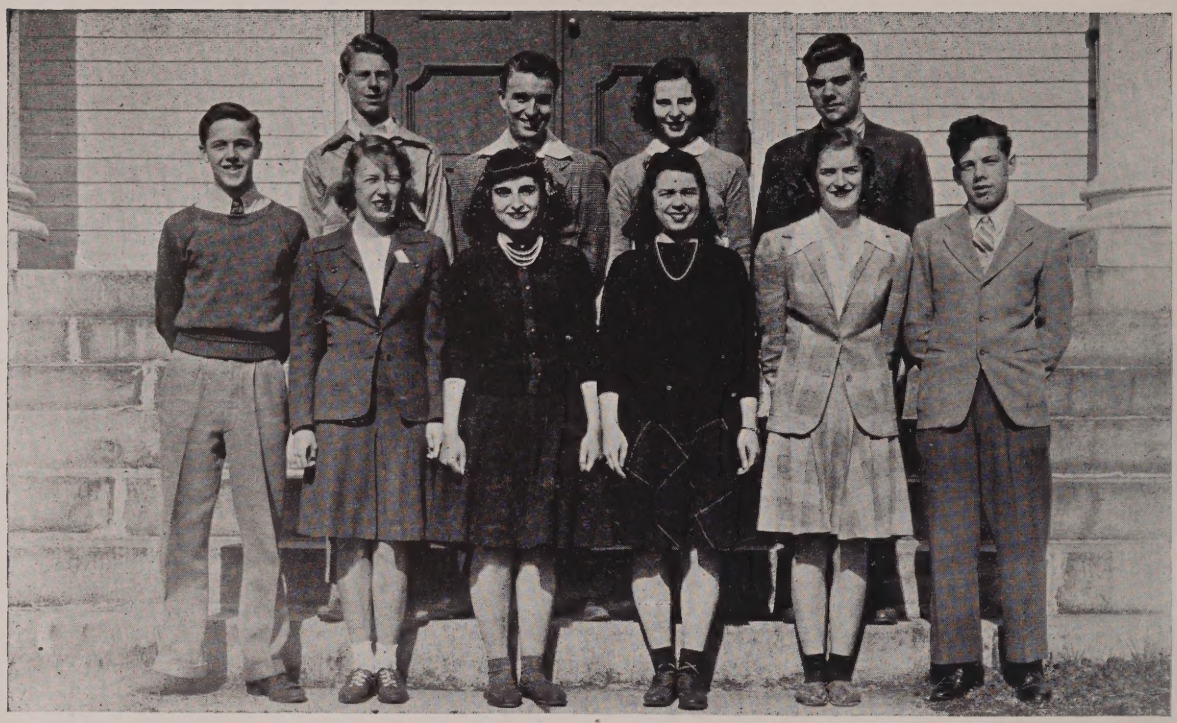

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

By Patricia Mercier

Sept. 9

School re-opened with a large freshman class and several new pupils for other classes: Robert Estes, Janet and Elaine Chambers and Charles Dines.

Sept. 13-20

Boys and girls picked apples at the fruit farm.

Sept. 29

Mr. Obert from the Crowell, Collier Publishing Co. officially opened the annual magazine selling campaign.

Oct. 31

Hallowe'en—little celebration due to war conditions.

Nov. 7

United States troops landed in Algeria and Morocco.

Nov. 9

Claire Grondin, Miriam Merrick, three junior girls, and one freshmen girl, started working at Chaffee's from 2:00 to 6:00 P. M.

Nov. 13

High school pupils presented the fall play, "When a Feller Needs a Friend." Miss Davis coached it with great success.

Nov. 17

The seniors presented Roger Pytko a farewell gift on his leaving to join the Marines.

Gordon Kemp, junior class-president, left school. This automatically made John Rogers, former vice-president, president of the class of 1944.

Nov. 18

Roger Pytko left for Marine Corps training.

Nov. 26

Thanksgiving! Two days vacation.

Dec. 8

Oxford Grange held a dance for the high school pupils. Everyone had a good time.

Dec. 18-Jan. 4

Christmas vacation—ice storm and rainy weather.

Jan. 4

Some high school pupils began traveling to and from school on the Short Line Bus, instead of school bus, to comply with O. P. A. gas rationing requirements.

Jan. 4-8

Mr. Pottle was ill for a week. We all missed him.

Jan. 15

Seniors named announcement and picture committees.

Roger Pytko came home and played in the Holden-Oxford basketball game.

Jan. 19

Mr. Ellsworth Hobbs from Hampton, New Hampshire, came to fill the vacancy left by Mr. J. F. O'Connor, who had accepted the position as principal of the Allen L. Joslin School.

Jan. 28

Boys' basketball team played the Alumni and won! Dancing followed the game.

Jan. 29

No school, due to the blizzard. In general, we all welcomed the change.

Feb. 2

The Projector Club showed a film entitled "Let's Sing Again," starring Bobby Breen.

Feb. 8

Pre-induction courses were started for senior boys. Miss Kennedy taught trigonometry. Mr. Dimock taught military drill, radio, and pre-aviation.

Feb. 11

A skating party at Carbuncle Pond, planned by several boys, was called off due to rainy weather.

Feb. 15

Weather was extremely cold and so many pupils were absent that school was dismissed early.

Feb. 16

No school-session was held on this date because of continued cold weather.

Feb. 19-March 1

A week of vacation. The teachers gave up their vacation to issue the United States War Ration Book 2. Many pupils worked all week to help the war effort.

March 1

Clarence McCarthy enlisted in the Army Reserves.

March 4

Seniors chose Bushong as their class photographer.

March 9

James Waldron left to enter the Navy. Several hearts and many good wishes went with him.

March 15

Theresa Agababian went to Boston, as the Good Citizenship Pilgrim, to be a guest of the D. A. R. Convention at the Copley-Plaza Hotel. There were many service men in Boston, so Theresa said.

March 15-23

Seniors had their pictures taken. They all enjoyed the day off and the trip to Worcester.

March 17

St. Patrick's Day Dance was successful. Everyone wanted more of them.

March 25

Mr. Sannella announced the graduation speakers: Theresa Amiot, Lillian LaFleche, and June Gardner.

March 30

Senior boys and girls began going to the N. Y. A. classes in Worcester to learn machine shop work. They were: Theresa Agababian, Gladys Halsdorff, William Mahota, James Pariseau, and Raymond Stoll. Thomas Waldron is taking welding.

April 1

United States Navy dirigible sailed over Oxford at 4:10 P. M. and caused temporary "absenteeism" among Static mimeographers, who went out of doors to gaze at it.

April 2

Alvin Chickering enlisted in the Army Air Corps Reserves.

Juniors published the new four-page "Static." Patricia Thayer was editor, Grace Stafford, assistant editor, and Louis Skarbek, business manager.

The senior boys who took Army and Navy V 12 tests were: John Skarbek, James Pariseau, Harold King, William Mahota, Raymond Stoll, Richard Clark and George Cloutier.

We learned that Richard Rodier had been named first alternate to the United States Naval Academy.

High school boys organized under Mr. Estes and Mr. Butler to help in fighting forest fires.

April 7

Miss Amidon from the Salter Secretarial School came to speak to the junior and senior girls with a view to interesting them in secretarial work.

April 8

Senior boys and girls got ads for "Ravelin's."

April 9

Miss Hand organized the Glee Club for the graduation exercises.

April 10

Dr. Teijhi Hsieh spoke at assembly.

April 13

Senior boys again out to get ads for "Ravelin's."

April 14

Miss Beatrice Davis had her picture taken for the dedication page of "Ravelin's."

April 16

Miss Beatrice Davis left O. H. S. to teach at Natick High School. Miss Mary Mannix took her place at Oxford High.

April 19-26

Spring vacation came as a well-earned rest after the long, dreary winter.

April 27

Photographers came to take group pictures of our pupils.

April 28

We dedicated the Minute-Man flag, earned because 94 per cent of us had bought War stamps at least once a month.

The seniors sponsored the first of a series of three dances as a war-time substitute for the annual Senior Hop.

May 20

Seniors held a sport dance—second of the series.

May 28

Memorial Day Program. V. F. W. speakers addressed the assembled pupils.

Juniors said farewell to the seniors with their Junior Prom.

June 18

Class Day Exercises held at Memorial Hall.

June 23

Graduation came as a long-looked-for termination of four years of meritorious work!

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